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## RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

The REVIEW was founded in 1915, and set out with the definite purpose of stimulating a nationwide interest in American Catholic history. During the past six years, under Dr. Guilday's careful and enthusiastic direction, it has published a remarkable series of articles, miscellanies, documents, book reviews, notes and comments, and bibliographies. It would take undue space to mention all who have contributed to the REVIEW since April 15, 1915.

The following names are significant of the scholarship contained in its six volumes: Cardinal Gibbons, Cardinal O'Connell; Archbishops Messmer and Canevin; Bishops Shahan, Corrigan, Maes, and Currier; Monsignors Hugh T. Henry and Philip Bernardini; Rev. Drs. Souvay, O'Hara, Zwierlein, Magri, Ryan, O'Daniel, Foik, Culemans, and Weber; among the laymen, Catholic and non-Catholic, who have written, are: Charles H. McCarthy, Ph.D., James A. Rooney, LL.D., J. C. Fitzpatrick, of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, Gaillard Hunt of the Department of State, Waldo G. Leland, the genial Secretary for so many years of the American Historical Association, the late Dr. Herbermann, Julius Klein, Ph.D., Michael J. O'Brien, Charles H. Cunningham, LL.D., Lawrence M. Larson, Ph.D., whose article on the Church in Greenland marked a turning point in Catholic interest in that entrancing subject, William Stetson Merrill, A.B., and Joseph Dunn, Ph.D., whose study of the Brendan Problem is worthy of a place beside the best scholarship of Europe. Other contributors, such as Fathers John Rothensteiner, Michael Shine, and Joseph Butsch, S.S.J., and several members of the Society of Jesus, Fathers J. Wilfrid Parsons, Thomas J. Campbell, John Hungerford Pollen, and Gerardo Decorme, have contributed to the pages of the REVIEW. Particular credit should be given to the

scholarly studies published in the REVIEW by members of the Department of History in the University of California—Herbert Bolton, Ph.D., Charles Chapman, Ph.D., Herbert I. Priestly, Ph.D., and others.

This is abundant evidence that the REVIEW has been the means of stimulating research and of fostering the writing of excellent monographs. As a result of these activities in the historic field to which the REVIEW has contributed so largely, a change in the attitude of Catholics with regard to history, local, national, and universal, is today more than a promise: a real revival of interest in Catholic Historical Societies and in historical publications devoted to the discussion of local ecclesiastical problems is abroad in the land.

To keep within the limits originally set to the REVIEW became more difficult each year; and more than once during the past six years the Editors debated the problem of relinquishing the national field and of entering the broader sphere of general Church history. It was finally decided that with the April issue, the REVIEW should venture forth into the larger domain and discuss problems of Church history both national and universal, while keeping its present size and character.

We hope to maintain the high standard attained by the REVIEW under Dr. Guilday's direction, and to retain the many friends to whom his scholarship and historical knowledge appealed. As an earnest of our efforts in this direction, we take pleasure in announcing that in addition to several of the writers whose names are recorded above, we shall have as contributors during the year, the Most Reverend Austin Dowling, D.D., Archbishop of St. Paul, the Right Reverend Alexander Macdonald, of Victoria, B.C.; the Very Rev. M. J. Ryan, Ph.D., D.D., of St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto; the Rev. Thomas P. Phelan, L.L.D., of the Maryknoll Seminary; the Rev. Arthur Robert, Ph.D., D.D., of Laval University; the Rev. William P. H. Kitchin, Ph.D., of St. John's, Newfoundland, Sir Bertram Windle, M.D., Sc.D., of St. Michael's College, Toronto; and Dr. Carlton J. H. Hayes, Columbia University, New York.

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